

Kills Wife and Leaps to Death As Police Come

Harlem Resident, Out of Work, Wields Iron Bar on Her as Rescuers Batter in Vain at Door of Flat

Cries Defiance and Jumps

Janitress, Shocked at Body Hurling to Ground, Is Overcome by Paralysis

After covering the keyholes of the doors with towels, drawing the window shades and taking other precautions against detection, William H. Howden, fifty-five years old, yesterday killed his wife, Ada, in their apartment at 151 West 129th Street. He beat her with an iron bar and stabbed her five times

in the head and chest. Before the police could break into the apartment he jumped from the window and was killed.

Mrs. Howden appeared on the fire escape yesterday morning soon after 8 o'clock, screaming: "For God's sake save me! My husband is killing me!" Neighbors rushed to the door and found it barricaded.

Patrolmen Lehning and Ippillito, of the West 129th Street station, started to break through. "You won't get me," shouted Howden above the noise. The groans and screams of the woman increased the efforts of the two patrolmen. The door gave way. The police entered the front room in time to see Howden leap from the window.

The woman's body was found on the kitchen floor. A bloodstained broad-knife and an iron bar lay near by. Howden's body lay in the street. The physician said death had been instantaneous.

A note which was written in a shaky hand was found by the police and turned over to Assistant Medical Examiner George Hohman. It read: "Take dogs and kill them. Bury us in Engelwood, N. J., on top side of hospital, and notify Engelwood Odd Fellows."

It was signed by Howden. The dogs referred to were a poodle and a bull terrier, which were found locked in the bathroom of the apartment. They were taken in charge by

Dr. Hohman, who said that they were of too good a breed to be killed.

In the cellar of the apartment house, alongside the furnace, the police found Mrs. Elizabeth Wade, sixty-six years old, the janitress of the apartment. She was about to leave the apartment when the body of Howden crashed to the pavement before her. She fled to the cellar, where she was overcome by a stroke of paralysis. Dr. Cassasa said that the excitement had brought on the attack. She was taken to the Harlem Hospital.

Further search of the Howden apartment showed \$133 in \$1 bills. There were bills and account books of a New Jersey building and loan association. The contents of these could not be learned.

It was said by neighbors that Howden was unemployed and that his wife had worked as a waitress. The couple moved into the apartment two months ago and, according to neighbors, quarreled frequently.

K. of C. Board Off to Chicago

A special train carrying the supreme officers and the directors of the Knights of Columbus left New York yesterday for Chicago, where the K. of C. board will make Marshal Poch an honorary member of the fraternity. The ceremonies will take place at a banquet in the Congress Hotel following a parade of 100,000 knights this afternoon.

Three Injured as Train Cuts Auto in Two at Crossing

Queens Accident Victims Not Expected to Recover; Boy Fatally Hurt When Knocked Down by Car

An automobile was cut in two by an electric train of the Long Island Railroad at the Whitestone Landing crossing in Queens last night, and its three occupants suffered injuries which probably will cause death. They are Joseph Councilman, Anna Dehan and Joseph Bussier.

Councilman, who has retired from business, lives at the home of a Mrs. May, at Thirty-second Street and Croyders Lane, Beechhurst, Queens. Anna Dehan is employed by Mrs. May as a maid and Bussier is employed by her as chauffeur.

The maid and the chauffeur wished to go to the Whitestone Landing station and Mr. Councilman, who had just returned from a trip to the Adirondacks, volunteered to drive them there. It is believed that he

failed to hear the gong at the crossing. He and his passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage of the car.

They were extricated by Patrolmen McNulty and Meyers. Dr. R. Folger and Dr. A. C. Griffin did what they could for them before the arrival of an ambulance, which took them to Flushing Avenue Hospital.

The steering gear of a car driven by Morris Kopset, of 115 Monroe Street, broke yesterday afternoon as Kopset drove through Forsyth Street, near Delancey Street. The car knocked down a boy, climbed the curb, and knocked down Mrs. Anna Friedman, of 156 Forsyth Street, and crashed through the window of a tea-room at 154 Forsyth Street, causing the thirty persons in the place to flee through the back door.

The boy, who has not been identified, died at Gouverneur Hospital from a fracture of the skull. Mrs. Friedman, who has several fractured ribs, was taken to that institution. Kopset was locked up at the Clinton Street police station.

The drive-chain on a motor truck broke on Southern Boulevard, near Tiffany Street, the Bronx, and the vehicle hit a street car northbound on Southern Boulevard, crumpling the front vestibule, breaking most of the windows and inflicting slight injuries on nine passengers and on Louis La Rose, of 996 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, driver of the truck.

Body Found in Chains Believed That of Suicide

Dead Man Thought To Be Eccentric Who Wrapped Himself in Iron Links to "Drive Away Cancer"

Left Death Note in Room

Description of 70-Year-Old Billiard Teacher Leads to Tentative Identification

The body found wrapped in chains in the sea at Ocean Grove, N. J., Friday, is thought to be that of Charles Van Doren, a billiard instructor, who

was known as Professor Charles Kaar-lus at Benjamin's Billiard Academy, 116th Street and Lenox Avenue, where he was employed.

Although neither Van Doren's daughter, Mary Van Doren, nor his landlady, Mrs. Margaret Crotty, at whose home he had lived for sixteen years, had seen the body last night, their statements concerning Van Doren's appearance were such as to lead the police to believe there was little doubt that the body was Van Doren's. The woman went to Ocean Grove last night to examine the body.

Van Doren has not been seen since Thursday, when he left his boarding place after writing a note announcing his intention of ending his life. He was accustomed, it is said, to wrap himself in chains when he went to bed in the belief that such treatment was beneficial for what he thought was a cancer.

Kept Dumbbell by Side

The chains, he told his friends, "kept the cancer down." Another peculiarity of his was to sleep always with his left shoulder in contact with a 150-pound dumbbell, which he took to bed

with him "to keep the rheumatism down."

For several weeks his conduct has been such as to arouse the fears of his friends that his mind was giving way. Wednesday evening he did not return to his home at the usual time, and Mrs. Crotty found in his room a note in which he said he was going to jump overboard and end his troubles.

He came back the next day and scratched out that part of the note, writing in place of it that he was "going West" and would see his daughter in the next world. A physician was called, and Mrs. Crotty and Miss Van Doren sought to persuade the man to go to a hospital for examination. He refused, and, as he seemed to be in better spirits than for some time, they did not press the point.

Soon after his daughter departed with the physician he left the house and has not been back.

He was seventy years old. Like the man whose body was found at Ocean Grove, he had had his hair dyed black. The body was that of a man more than six feet tall, whose weight was estimated at 200 pounds. Mr. Van Doren was six feet two inches in height and weighed 180 pounds.

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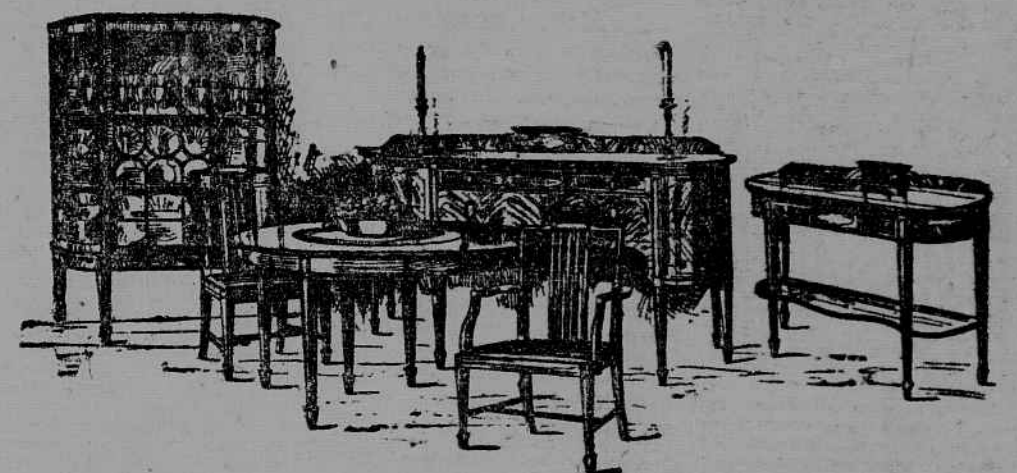
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